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**City of Merrill
Water & Sewage Disposal Committee
Wednesday, June 25, 2014 at 5:00 P.M.
Basement Conference Room, City Hall, 1004 East First Street**

Members Present (3 of 3): Alderman Rob Norton (Chairperson), Alderman John Burgener and Alderwoman Kandy Peterson.

Others Present Included: City Administrator Dave Johnson, Utility Superintendent Kim Kriewald, City Attorney Tom Hayden, Alderman Dave Sukow, Bill Zeitz, Sara Schult, Kelley Moran, Mark Mehlos, Sue Weith and City Clerk Bill Heideman. A student was in attendance to videotape the meeting for the Cable Access Channel.

Call to order

Alderman Norton called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

Vouchers

The vouchers were in the meeting packet. Utility Superintendent Kriewald answered questions related to the vouchers.

Motion (Burgener/Peterson) to approve the vouchers as presented. Carried.

Update on emergency water line replacement on West First St. (State to Wright)

Utility Superintendent Kriewald reported that numerous breaks on a portion of West First Street are being repaired, on an as-needed basis. Ultimately, the entire water line will need to be replaced, but that cannot be done until approved by the state. Curb and gutter will also be replaced, at no cost to the property owners.

Bill Zeitz request to discuss fluoridation of city water supply

Bill Zeitz had requested that this item be placed on the agenda. Alderman Norton granted floor privileges to Bill Zeitz for five minutes.

Bill Zeitz distributed information related to fluoridation, including an article that had appeared in Time magazine. Mr. Zeitz explained that, at this time, he is only gathering information. He would like to have the both the city water supply and his water in the Town of Pine River tested.

Sara spoke in favor of fluoridation.

Alderman Sukow raised a question related to the level of fluoride in the City water supply.

Mark Mehlos stated that he has been heavily involved with fluoride and fluoridation for many years. He spoke in favor of fluoridation.

Bill Zeitz stated his opinion that fluoride in water can be a problem.

Sue Weith spoke in favor of fluoridation.

Alderman Norton read an e-mail that he had received from Dr. Jeffrey Moore. The e-mail supported fluoridation. Alderman Norton also read portions from another e-mail he had received on fluoridation.

Operations Report

The report was in the meeting packet.

Public Comment

City Clerk Heideman suggested that, if there is more clarity on agenda items, public misconceptions could be reduced.

Next meeting

Wednesday, July 23rd, 2014 at 5:00 P.M.

Adjournment

Motion (Burgener/Peterson) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 5:39 P.M.

Minutes prepared and submitted by:

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City Clerk